



TRANSIT CENTER REPORT

A BUSY NEW YEAR

A quick walk around the Transit Center shows the signs of building and change. January is a rotation month when many new airmen flow in while those that have enjoyed their stay head home to their families eager to relate the stories of their adventures in Kyrgyzstan. The other big change you will notice is a large amount of construction all over the Transit Center. Work begins this month on the \$30.6 million, 127,000



The Congress of Women's retail store opens at the Transit Center in January

square meter aircraft parking apron which will be a major step in Manas' Inter-

national Airport and Kyrgyz aviation becoming a world-class.

Another high note is the arrival of the Jeppesen specialist team. This team will finalize local area instrument procedures making the aerodrome fully International Civil Aviation Organization compliant. This visit continues the \$30 million (US) upgrade. As we continue to expand our Kyrgyz partnership in the new year, plans are being made for Kyrgyz Ministry of Interior forces to begin conducting joint training with Transit Center Security personnel in preparation for joint security operations at the Transit Center security.

At the center, we are very grateful to contribute to regional stability from the Kyrgyz Republic. Therefore we are very careful with all environmental issues in and around the airport re-



Kyrgyz National University and Transit Center Airmen after a great football match

gion. This month we are establishing a Joint Environmental Committee with Kyrgyz experts to provide transparency and cooperation in protecting the environment.

New Airmen from the US are arriving daily and they are eager to learn first hand about the country they have heard so much about. A new academic course on Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia by American University is their starting point to help continue our ever growing relationship with the Kyrgyz people!

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS...

It has been a very busy month here at the Transit Center. The challenges of winter have finally arrived and operations and construction continue as normal despite the increased challenges. Our airmen still continue to volunteer many hours of their own time assisting in the local commu-

nity.

The Transit Center recently hosted Attachés from several neighboring countries to show the center's operations in action.

Kyrgyz construction company Imarat Stroy continues set the standard for rapid accomplishment.

Soon, we will make available plans for the ground breaking on the Women of Congress Women's Shelter. Our village partnership efforts are expanding with the delivery of several generators, roofing materials, boilers, and other materials. It has been a rewarding month here in Manas.

Transit Center At Manas International Airport, Kyrgyz Republic

Important Dates:

- 2 Feb: Groundhog Day
- 5, 5, 13, 18, 23 Feb: Local Kyrgyz Bands
- 6 Feb: Kyrgyz Variety Show
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb: Kyrgyz Bazaar
- 7 Feb: Super Bowl XLIV
- 14 Feb: Valentine's Day
- 15 Feb: President's Day



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US comedy troupe visits Jany Pahkta School.



Manas Airmen finalize the exchange of a \$10,000 sewage tractor to improve sanitation disposal in Grozd village district



Celtic Aire at the Academy of the Ministry of the Interior

KYRGYZ / US PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAMS

- Donated sanitation tractor/trailer to Grozd village
- Donated \$10,000 (US) roofing materials for renovation of Manas Tort Kul school
- Donated 2 generators to Marble village
 - Administration Building and Sanitation treatment back up power supply
- Donated mig welder and welding safety equipment to Jani-Jer Vocational School
- Delivered 10 new computers & 4 color laser printers to School for Deaf Children
- Remodeling Vinogradnoye Kindergarten bathrooms 80% complete
- Comedy troupe, Redskin Cheerleaders, and Celtic Aire band visit several schools in the Bishkek area

VOLUNTEERS

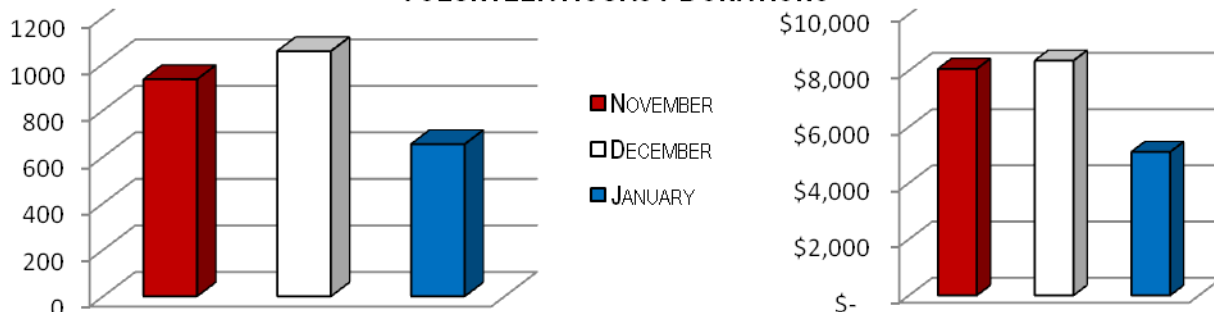
- Over 100 hours of volunteer time at Jeni-Jer vocational installing new electrical wiring and in dormitory and remodeling girls restroom
- Donated computer and printer to Bishkek Opera House
- Visited Jany-Pahkta High School, donated clothes, gloves, and shared candy
- Visited Children's Cancer Center, donated 80 gifts, food, and hygiene supplies
- New Years visit to Tok Mok I orphanage, handed out clothing, toys, and snacks
- Visit to Marble Village school, donated 13,000 Com for computer upgrades
- Holiday visit to Nadjesda, gifted shoes, clothes, toys, and bicycles

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- Transit Center physicians participated in a three day seminar at the Family Practice Center of Bishkek
- Transit Center taught care techniques on Gallbladder Disease and Hypertension
- Physicians taught different techniques on caring for patients' with Back Pain
- Kyrgyz medial residents enhanced suturing skills in a series of six workshops
- Transit center Surgeons visited Besh-Kungei military hospital delivering surgical instruments
- Beginning planning for an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Course to be held next month for practitioners from Bishkek and Osh

BY THE NUMBERS: VOLUNTEER IMPACT FOR JANUARY

VOLUNTEER HOURS / DONATIONS



** January amounts lower due to the scheduled rotation of Airmen.



ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

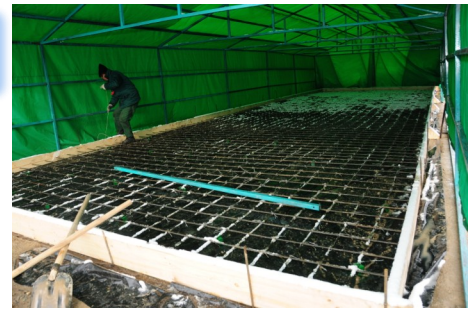
Increased Kyrgyz—US business partnerships continue to expand at a rapid pace here at the Transit Center.

A very exciting announcement was made when the Congress of Women finalized plans to open a small store here at the Transit Center. This expanding relationship between the Transit Center and the Congress of Women will provide an outlet for the many wonderful hand crafted Kyrgyz items not previously available to the airman transiting through Manas on their way to Afghanistan.

These enhanced partnerships have recently allowed the Transit Center to respond to a short notice request for 430 cubic meters of lumber worth

\$240,000 to the local vendors. Within three days of the request, over 40 cubic meters of finished product were delivered to the Transit Center. The lumber is being shipped to destinations in Afghanistan that had an immediate which Kyrgyz business leaders brilliantly responded to.

With our expanded purchasing of local food products, more and more local foods are being enjoyed by our transiting members every day. As spring approaches, we look forward to continuing our growth with the local community we live in and expanding opportunities to an ever increasing list of Kyrgyz businesses!



Construction begins on the new gymnasium expansion project



Imarat Stroy construction workers connecting steel beams for the newest addition to the Transit Center

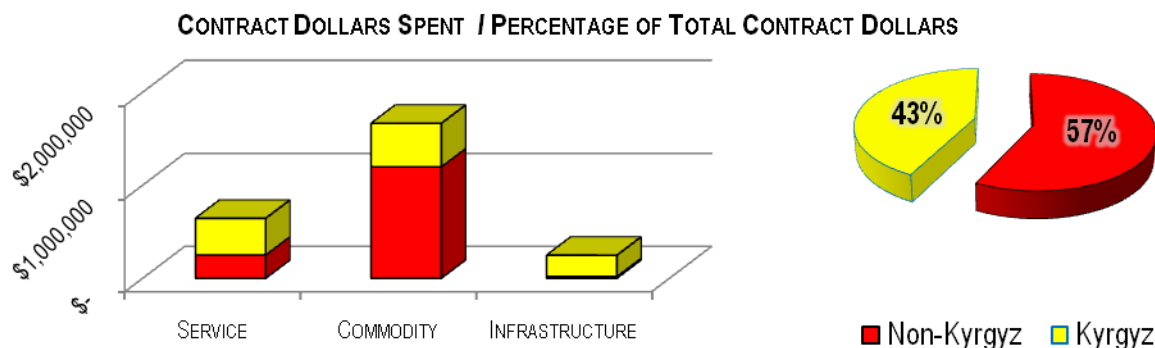


First delivery of locally procured Kyrgyz lumber being unloaded prior to shipment to Afghanistan

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- Topographical survey of remote parking ramp construction site and staging areas complete. Next step is geotech borings to assess soil density and weight bearing capacity prior to commencing construction.
- Finalizing preparation for Women's Shelter bid in early February
- Short notice request for lumber being fulfilled by 2 Kyrgyz lumber vendors \$240K (US) for Afghanistan
- Continuing to expand Transit Center the number of Transit Center projects that are run by local Kyrgyz companies
- 3 new music and dance entertainment acts booked for performances in February
- Doubled Saturday Bazaar opportunities to local companies
- Planning is beginning for next Transit Center business conference (estimate: May—June 10')
- Approval and encouragement for Airmen to make personal purchases in Bishkek markets
- Kyrgyz products & services are up 62% from October from \$205K to \$335K

BY THE NUMBERS: CONTRACT DOLLARS SPENT FOR JANUARY



ECONOMIC IMPACT



<u>Direct Expenditures</u>	FY 2009	FY 2010 (Year to Date)
Payment to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note	\$26,620,000	\$15,000,000
Payment to Manas International Airport (MIA)**	\$22,999,039	\$11,350,409
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$30,600,000	
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN)		
Contracts Awarded	\$24,601,908	\$8,758,176
Govt leases (non-MIA)	\$81,562	\$145,585
Programmatic Humanitarian Assistance	\$700,000	\$55,357
SubTotal Direct Expenditures	\$105,602,509	\$35,309,527
<u>Indirect and Charitable Expenditures</u>		
Estimated US Military local spending	\$1,037,530	\$356,460
Estimated charitable projects/donations	\$1,010,201	\$40,498
Subtotal Indirect and Charitable Expenditures	\$2,047,731	\$396,958
Total Economic Impact	\$107,650,240	\$35,706,485
* Based on US Fiscal Year: 1 October to 30 September; ** Airport Fees, land leases, contracts)		

100% increase in the amount of construction contract dollars paid to Kyrgyz firms from December to January.

THE TRANSIT CENTER EXPERIENCE

